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C O N F I D E N T I A L REYKJAVIK 1279

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO UNITED STATES

REF: REYKJAVIK 1180 (NOTAL)

1. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBOFFS SEPTEMBER 13 DEPUTY PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY HELGASON MENTIONED SEVERAL ITEMS FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON WILL ESPECIALLY BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING DURING HIS US VISIT. ONLY SPECIFIC TOPIC HE IS EXPECTED RAISE IN TALKS WITH SECRETARY IS THAT OF US ASSISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CIVILIAN AIR TERMINAL AS NOTED IN REFTTEL. IN THAT DISCUSSION, AS WELL AS IN THOSE WITH OTHER OFFICIALS IN DEPARTMENT, DOD AND EXIM, FOREIGN MINISTER MAY BE EXPECTED TO REFER TO IMPORTANCE OF ICELAND IN NATO'S EARLY WARNING SYSTEM AND TO CITE AS MOST RECENT STATEMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT ARTICLE BY CLARENCE A. ROBINSON, JR. ENTITLED "AIRBORNE WARNING CRUCIAL TO ALLIANCE ISSUE" IN AUGUST 22, 1977, EDITION OF AVIATION WEEK AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY. (ON PAGES 41-43 ROBINSON STATES THAT: "THE LOCATION OF ICELAND MAKES IT OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE TO THE NATO COALITION, AND PLANNERS HERE
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BELIEVE THAT IT MUST BE KEPT WITHIN THE ALLIANCE AT ALL COSTS. IT IS RIDICULOUS FOR THE U.S. TO BALK AT BUILDING A SEPARATE CIVILIAN AIR TERMINAL AT KEFLAVIK, ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS HERE, WHEN THE U.S. SHOULD BE TRYING TO GET COOPERATION TO BUILD MORE FACILITIES IN ICELAND, PARTICULARLY EARLY WARNING RADAR SITES.")

2. ICELANDERS ALSO REPORTEDLY INTEND TO RAISE SERIES OF BASE-RELATED MATTERS WITH STATE AND DOD OFFICIALS, SUCH AS IMPLEMENTATION OF MOU AND GEOTHERMAL HEATING PROPOSAL FOR BASE. HELGASON ALSO MENTIONED THEY WOULD WANT TO EXPLORE MEANS OF ALLEVIATING "ADVERSE" ECONOMIC/SOCIAL IMPACT OF BASE ON SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES IN REYKJANES PENINSULA, BUT IN RESPONSE QUERY PROVIDED NO SPECIFICS. (EMBASSY AND COMICEDEFOR WILL SEEK TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE ITEMS UNDER THIS RUBRIC AND FORWARD SOONEST.)

3. HELGASON ALSO NOED THAT AGUSTSSON WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ON CURRENT STATUS SALT AND MBFR NEGOTIATIONS AT SOME POINT DURING HIS VISIT.
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